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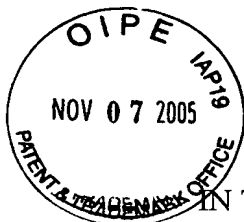
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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S COMMUNICATION

This communication responds to the Examiner's inquiry of October 13, 2005, regarding the circumstances that led to the filing of the IDS on September 14, 2005.

On September 12, 2005, Examiner Lane called Mr. Garcia to discuss U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/971,135 (hereinafter "the present application"). During this discussion, Examiner Lane pointed to the terms "network infrastructure function" and "network service application" in claim 21 of the present application and asked Mr. Garcia to explain the difference between these terms. In response to this request, Mr. Garcia explained that, in some embodiments of the invention, a network service application is loaded by a network device to enable the network device to perform a network infrastructure function.

During the telephone conference on September 12, 2005, no agreement was reached regarding the meaning of the claim language that was discussed. In addition, Examiner Lane did not provide any indication as to how he was going to proceed.

During the period from September 1, 2005, to September 15, 2005, Mr. Garcia (undersigned) worked on a response to an Office action in copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/971,206 (hereinafter "the copending application"). For the Examiner's convenience, all the claims that are pending in the copending application are contained in the attached appendix. Independent claim 1 of the copending application reads as follows:

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